

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3231–S3383

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2993–3016, and S. Res. 479–481. **Pages S3290–91**

Measures Reported:

S. 2127, to provide appropriate protections to probationary Federal employees, to provide the Special Counsel with adequate access to information, to provide greater awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–262)

S. 3000, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. (S. Rept. No. 114–263)

S. 3001, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. (S. Rept. No. 114–264)

Report to accompany S. 552, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control. (S. Rept. No. 114–265)

Report to accompany S. 966, to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration. (S. Rept. No. 114–266)

Report to accompany S. 967, to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available. (S. Rept. No. 114–267)

Report to accompany S. 1001, to establish authorization levels for general business loans for fiscal years 2015 and 2016. (S. Rept. No. 114–268)

Report to accompany S. 1292, to amend the Small Business Act to treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and to extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain base closure areas. (S. Rept. No. 114–269) **Page S3290**

Measures Passed:

United States Soccer Federation Equal Pay: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 462, urging the United States Soccer Federation to immediately eliminate gender pay inequity and

treat all athletes with the same respect and dignity, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S3256–57**

Barry G. Miller Post Office: Senate passed S. 2465, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Rochester Street in Bergen, New York, as the Barry G. Miller Post Office.

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Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 2891, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 North Broadway in Aurora, Illinois, as the “Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building”.

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Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 136, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the “Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office”.

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W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1132, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the “W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building”.

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Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2458, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the “Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building”.

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Harold George Bennett Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 2928, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the “Harold George Bennett Post Office”.

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Daryle Holloway Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5919 Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Daryle Holloway Post Office Building”.

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Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3274, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the “Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office”.

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Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3601, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the “Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building”.

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Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3735, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the “Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office”.

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First Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma II Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3866, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1265 Hurffville Road in Deptford Township, New Jersey, as the “First Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma II Post Office Building”.

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Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4046, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office.

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Sgt. 1st Class Terryl L. Pasker Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4605, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 615 6th Avenue SE in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as the “Sgt. 1st Class Terryl L. Pasker Post Office Building”.

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Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 433, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 523 East Railroad Street in Knox, Pennsylvania, as the “Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office”, and the bill was then passed.

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Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1402, to allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable, and the bill was then passed.

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National Foster Care Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 466, recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster-care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster-care system, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Mental Health Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 480, supporting the designation of May 2016 as “Mental Health Month”.

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Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 481, recognizing the significance of May 2016 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States.

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Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, June 6, 2016, notwithstanding rule XXII, following morning business, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, be agreed to; Senate begin consideration of the bill, and Senator Fischer, or her designee, be recognized to offer Amendment No. 4206; provided further, that the time until 5:30 p.m., be equally divided between the managers, or their designees, and that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Fischer Amendment No. 4206, with no second-degree amendments in order to the amendment, prior to the vote.

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Appointments:

Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–201, as amended by Public Law 105–275, appointed the following individual as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: John Patrick Rice, of Nevada, vice Patricia Atkinson, of Nevada.

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Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Pro Forma—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, May 27, 2016, at 12:30 p.m.; Tuesday, May 31, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.; and Friday, June 3, 2016, at 1 p.m.; that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, June 3, 2016, it next convene at 2 p.m., on Monday, June 6, 2016; and that following Leader remarks, Senate be in a period of morning business until 4 p.m. **Page S3381**

Nomination Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon the reporting out of, or discharge of PN1385 (which has been referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation), the nomination then be referred to the Committee on Armed Services for a period not to exceed 45 calendar days, after which the nomination, if still in committee, be discharged and placed on the Executive Calendar. **Page S3376**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S3255, S3382–83**

By 67 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 88), Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S3255**

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
38 Army nominations in the rank of general.

10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S3382–83**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marguerite Salazar, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers for a term of two years.

Thomas Atkin, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Daniel P. Feehan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2020.

Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—88) **Page S3255**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3381.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SECTORS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a review of the United States livestock and poultry sectors, focusing on marketplace opportunities and challenges, after receiving testimony from Tracy Brunner, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Ramona, Kansas; Ron Truex, Creighton Brothers, LLC, Atwood, Indiana, on behalf of the United Egg Producers; Howard Hill, National Pork Producers Council, Cambridge, Iowa; Joe Goggins, Vermillion Ranch Co., Billings, Montana, on behalf of the United States Cattlemen's Association; and John Zimmerman, National Turkey Federation, Northfield, Minnesota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 3000) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017; and